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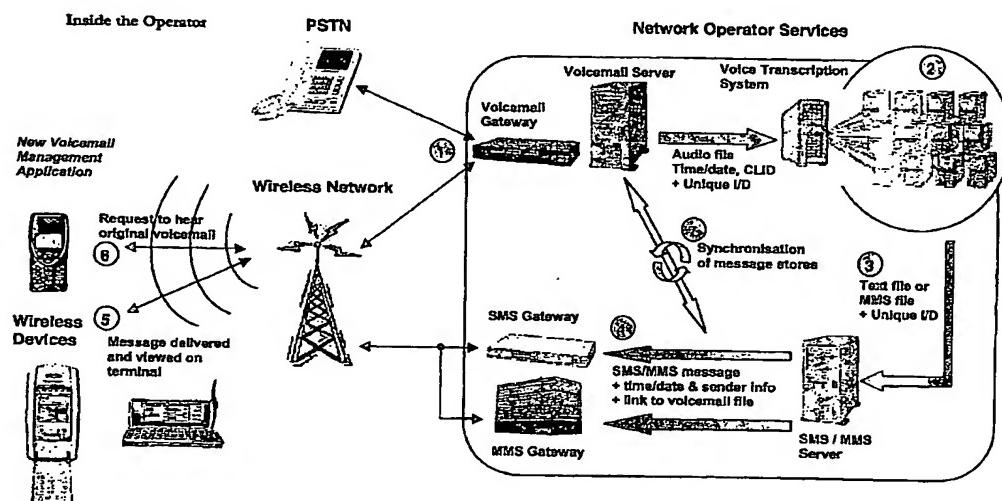
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(57) Abstract: A spoken message that a user wishes to have converted to a SMS or MMS message is received at a voicemail server and converted to an audio file format; it is then sent or streamed over a wide area network to a voice to text transcription system comprising a network of computers. One of the networked computers plays back the voice message to an operator and the operator intelligently transcribes the actual message from the original voice message by entering the corresponding text message (actually a succinct version of the original voice message, not a verbose word-for-word conversion) into the computer to generate a transcribed text message. The transcribed text message is then sent to the wireless information device from the computer as a SMS or MMS text message. Because human operators are used instead of machine transcription, voicemails are converted accurately, intelligently, appropriately and succinctly into text messages (SMS/MMS).

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1. claims: 1-12, 13 (insofar as dependent on claims 2-12), 14 on page 38 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claims 2-12),
14 on page 39 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claims 2-12), 15 and 17 (insofar as dependent on claims 2-12)

Adding the time and date to the transcribed text message, when the voicemail was received.

2. claims: 14 on page 39 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claim 1), 15 and 17 (insofar as dependent on claim 14 on page 39 as originally filed)

Parsing a transcribed text message and using the parsed data in an application on a wireless information device.

3. claims: 13 (insofar as dependent on claim 1), 14 on page 38 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claim 13), 14 on page 39 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claim 13) and 17 (insofar as dependent on claim 13)

Manual or automated identification of the message recipients name and subsequent look-up of a network identifier of that recipient.

4. claim: 14 on page 38 as originally filed (insofar as dependent on claim 1) and 17 (insofar as dependent on claim 14 on page 38 as originally filed).

The text message format specified by the user of the wireless information device.

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